



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2871

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For: RETARDATION ELEMENT, DISPLAY ELEMENT COMPRISING THE SAME, AND
PROCESS OF PRODUCING RETARDATION ELEMENT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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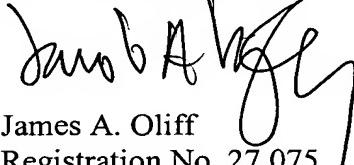
Sir:

In reply to the June 14, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group II, claims 12-19, with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all of the claims are sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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